है। और हमारी अपनी बुलेटिन उससे प्रभावित होती। इसलिए हमने ऐसा किया है। हमें लगता है कि भारत के कन्सर्न के अनुसार दुनिया सिर्फ बी॰बी॰सी॰ और सी॰एन॰एन॰ को नहीं देखेगी, भारत को भी इस दिशा में देखेगी। ऐसा हमारा विचार है।

श्री संजय निरुपम: इराक वार कवर करने के लिए दूरदर्शन का कितना खर्चा आ रहा था, मुझे इस पर नहीं जाना है। लेकिन अगर वह आपका क्राइटेरिया है तो क्या सईद नकवी, सतीश जैकब और थर्ड आई या फोर्थ आई जो भी हो, उसको देने से पहले आपने बिड बुलाई, निविदाएं बुलाईं? हो सकता था कि बहुत बड़ी ऐसी कम्पनियां आतीं जो दो लाख रुपये में आपको कवर करके दे देतीं। इसलिए मेरा सीधा सवाल सिर्फ बिडिंग के ऊपर है।

श्री रवि शंकर प्रसाद: सभापति महोदय, बिडिंग का प्रावधान है लेकिन हमारे दूरदर्शन की गाइडलाइन्स में यह भी है कि ऐसे संवेदनशील मामलों में अगर कुछ सोचना है तो असाइनमेंट भी कर सकते हैं। मेरे मित्र बड़े अनुभवी पत्रकार हैं...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

TKDL project

*262. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an MoU has been signed between Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy and National Institute of Science Communication on 6th June, 2001 for establishing Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL);

(b) whether first phase targets Ayurveda;

(c) if so, the details thereof and number of shlokas put on the portal;

(d) whether project TKDL had to be completed by October, 2002;

(e) if so, the present status of the project;

(f) whether the project is expected to have a website of approximately 1,40,000 pages;

(g) whether the website is available; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (h) First phase of Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) project is aimed to cover 35,000 Ayurvedic formulations covering about 60,000 shlokas. So far 34,500 formulations have been transcribed. Checking and re-checking is being done by the experts. The project was scheduled to be completed by October, 2002. However, as per progress of the work, it is expected to be completed by August, 2003.

The number of accessible pages of the website will be known on completion of the project. A committee is working on the modalities of access to the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library website.

Construction of Vallar Padam Container Terminal

*267. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized the company which is to undertake the construction of Vallar Padam Container Terminal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Quality standards for bottled drinking water

*270. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Technical Committee of the Bureau of Indian Standards has decided not to adopt the stringent European Union norms as the quality standards for bottled drinking water and mineral water in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution had in a recent communication to the Ministry urged to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules with a view to pave the way for implementation of EU quality norms for safe drinking water and mineral water; and